

Casey's Comments

By Casey McCormick

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 With July 4th approaching, the pastor of our church encouraged the congregation to spend a few minutes reading the Declaration of Independence.
 In so doing I was struck by the courage it must have taken those men to sign what could have been their death warrants.
 They lived under the English monarchy of King George III. Although the colonists tried to ask the king to treat them better, they were not in a position to bargain. The ruler held all power and the New World transfers were to be his loyal subjects while he did as he pleased, like it or not.
 An earlier rebellion against Mother England occurred a few years before in Scotland. The Jacobites supported the return of a Catholic king and followed Bonnie Prince Charles, the "Young Pretender," in a military action to replace Charles' father, James II, the "Old Pretender." This was in

1745 and thus became known as the "Forty-Five."
 Although the Scottish forces had some initial success at Prestonpans and Falkirk, their uprising came to a decisive halt on the field of Culloden Moor.
 Many of the highlanders were killed on the field of battle. Those who survived fared no better as they were hunted down by the English. Their failure was cause for many years of brutal treatment to much of Scotland in retaliation for the country's mutinous behavior.
 Our fore-fathers certainly knew the possibilities of a similar outcome. Victory was not a guarantee and by signing the Declaration of Independence they threw their lots into a serious gamble for themselves and countrymen.
 So somewhere between taking a holiday from work and watching the kids light fireworks, it doesn't hurt any of us to take a quick look at that important document.

Bulletin Board

Veterans' Affairs

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in St. Francis from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the county clerk's office to assist veterans and their dependents with Veteran Administration claims work on Wednesday, July 3. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs in St. Francis, you may contact the office in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. That phone number is (785) 462-3572.

Open meetings, open records seminar

The Kansas attorney general's office will conduct a free seminar on the Kansas Open Meetings and Open Records laws from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 23, at the Student Union at Colby Community College.

The seminar is designed for elected officials, reporters and the public, providing information on the basics of Kansas' open-government laws, the office said. It is open to the public, but space is limited and registration is first come, first served. Go to www.ag.ks.gov or call (785) 296-2215.

Senior potluck change

Due to the Thresher Show falling on the week of the senior potluck the birthday party for July 8, will be combined with the potluck at noon.

Community potluck

Sunday, July 7, there will be a community potluck at the Legion hall in Bird City at 5:30 p.m. Following will be pictures and stories from the mission team that went to Haiti in May. Everyone is invited to attend.

Community yard sale

The Tri State Thresher Association is sponsoring a community yard sale on Thursday July 25. Lots of room and everyone is welcome. For information contact Rod Klepper 785-734-7369.

Free books

Going on now: Bird City Public Library paperback book giveaway

— absolutely free! The Bird City Public Library has a huge collection of paperback books. Mysteries, westerns, action, romance and many other areas of your interest. Countless authors. Some of your favorites are here! Come in to the library, browse, take as many paperbacks as you wish. Share them with others. No returns!

Collections needed

The Bird City Public Library would love to showcase your treasured collection if it fits in their enclosed and secure glass shelves display case for three to four weeks. Call Debby Bailey, librarian, at (785) 734-2203 for more information.

Water aerobics

Water aerobics are held Monday through Thursdays from 5:15 to 6 p.m. There is a small cost per session. Questions - call Tina 734-7141.

Wellness Center

Cheylin Wellness Center new hours will be 9 to 11 a.m. Monday - Thursday. Ashley Raile is available during this time to assist.

Swim lessons

Free swim lessons- Second session will start Monday, July 1, to Friday, July 12. Kids can still sign up for the second session by calling Jessica Turner (785 821-4636) or Tina (785 734-7141). Lessons are free.

City hall hours

The hours for city hall are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Theater hours

The summer hours at the Cheyenne Theater are in effect. The ticket booth will open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 8 p.m.

Cheyenne County Amusement volunteers

The Cheyenne County Amusement Authority is looking for men and woman to be a part of the organization. Volunteers will help with fair setup and put away afterwards. If interested or have any questions,

call Bill Ehrman at 332-2784 and leave a message

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will continue to meet every second and fourth Mondays at 2 p.m. Meeting place is the Immanuel United

Methodist Church, 116 E. Fourth, Bird City. For more information, call 785-734-2739.

The group is a confidential support to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

McDonald News By Sandy Binning

Joan Tongish attended the bridal shower for Mindy Antholz Saturday afternoon at the Federated Church.

Stanley and Margie Tovrea of Nevada were Sunday afternoon guests of Fred and Lavina Waters.

Betty Lewis's daughter, Claudia Foster of Grand Junction, Colo., and son Thad Lewis of Santa Maria, Calif., were weekend guests of their mother.

Tina Smith of Seward arrived Friday evening at the home of Gilbert and Janice Antholz and was a weekend guest. Saturday, Janice and Tina attended the bridal shower for Mindy Antholz at the Federated Church.

Craig and Jeri Antholz hosted a birthday party Saturday evening at their home for Heath Antholz, and Tina Smith. Guests were Hal, Becky, Cristi, and CJ Antholz, Cort, Megan, Halle, and Lane Antholz, Hannah Louderbaugh, Quinton Crow, Craig, Jeri, Tiffany, Mindy, and Heath Antholz, and Gilbert and Janice Antholz.

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dale to visit Brandon and Amanda Winter, Avery and Noah. During the week they visited Art, Emily, and Erica Atchison in Eulis, Texas, and Paula Dillion in Arlington, and James, Karlyne, Art, Emily, Erica and Paula were Saturday supper guests of Dr. Mary Beth Cran. On Sunday, James and Karlyne attended Erica and Emily's dance recital in Fort Worth. Tuesday afternoon, Art and Emily Atchison returned Karlyne to her home in McDonald.

Dixie Bethell of McCook, and Connie and Brian Sabatka were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Marlene Johnson.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz hosted a birthday celebration Wednesday evening for CJ, Becky, and Gilbert Antholz. Guests were Hal, Becky, CJ, and Cristi Antholz, Cort, Megan, Halle, and Lane Antholz, Craig, Jeri, Tiffany, and Heath Antholz, Hulda Dorsch, and Gilbert and Janice Antholz.

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July 4th
Hot Dog Eating Contest
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 In Front of Uptown Market
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JACOB BRUBAKER with the golf club is selling fireworks to Maddie Turner, his cousin from Topeka, who is visiting for the Fourth of July.
Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.

Wellness Center
New Hours
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Monday-Thursday
Lap Swimming
Monday-Thursday
5 - 6 p.m.
Cost: \$.75/session
Water Aerobics
Monday-Thursday
5:15 - 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$1.50/session

SHOWTIME: 8 p.m. 1 hr. 47 min.
Monsters University
July 5, 6 & 7
 Billy Crystal, John Goodman, Steve Buscemi
Animated / Sequel / Family / Comedy
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Bird City Clinic
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-Noon
785-332-2682 or 785-734-2306

Display the Red, White & Blue and then come join the fun!

2013 Cheyenne County July 4th Celebration
Thursday, July 4th
 in St. Francis
Enjoy daytime and evening activities and then at dark a tribute to America with a large fireworks display set to patriotic music.
 (Donations for the fireworks will be collected by volunteers on golf carts prior to the start of the show. Thank you in advance for your generosity.)

Laughing It Up

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